Criticism of the Second Labour Commission

970. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Delhi has criticized recommendations of the Second Labour Commission and the draft legislation;

(b) if so, whether Second Labour Commission's report is anti-poor, anti-labour and against the spirit of the Constitution;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to seek views of the various State Governments before implementation of the report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) During the discussions on the recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour at the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 28-29 September, 2002, the Labour Minister of Government of NCT of Delhi opposed certain recommendations relating to rationalization of existing laws, lay off, retrenchment, settlement of disputes etc. However, he appreciated some of the recommendations, particularly those relating to enactment of law for providing social security and protection in respect of workers in the unorganized sector. Various State Governments including Government of NCT of Delhi also suggested to hold tripartite consultations before accepting the recommendations of the Commission.

(b) and (c) The Commission has made its recommendations on various aspects of labour *viz.*, review of laws, social security, women & child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganized sector and other matters keeping in view the need to enhance economic efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of industry with due regard to safeguarding the interest of working population.

(d) and (e) The recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour were also discussed in the National Seminar on Unorganised Sector Labour held on 7-8 November, 2002. The State Governments were also participants. However, before implementation of various

recommendations of the Commission, all social partners including State Governments will be duly consulted.

Indian Labour Conference

971. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Labour Conference was held at New Delhi in the month of September, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the delegates participated in the conference and the points discussed therein;

(c) the outcome of the discussions held in the conference;

(d) whether Government have taken any further action on the points discussed in the conference; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The 38th Session of the Indian Labour Conference was held at New Delhi on 28-29 September, 2002.

(b) The Conference was attended by delegates from Central Trade Union Organisations (Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, Indian National Trade Union Congress, Centre of Indian Trade Unions, Hind Mazdoor Sabha, All India Trade Union Congress, United Trade Union Centre-LS, United Trade Union Congress and National Front of Indian Trade Unions), Central Employers' Organisations (Council of Indian Employers, Confederation of Indian Industries, All India Manufacturers' Organisation, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India), concerned Central Ministries/ Deptts. and State Governments/Union Territories. The Conference discussed the following issues:

(i) Impact of globalization on the Indian economy particularly on employment, and how to meet the challenges.

(ii) Social Safety Net.

(iii) Disinvestment Policy of the Government.